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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action dated March 3, 2006.

Amendments

The term "printing fluid" in claim 1 has been replaced with "ink". This corrects the antecedence problem in claims 4 and 5.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's analysis of the combined teachings of Silverbrook and Kotaki. In particular, the Applicant submits that this combination of documents would not lead the skilled person to arrive at the present invention, as defined by claim 1.

Kotaki (abstract and Figs 4-10) teaches an "ink cartridge replaceably receivable in a cradle of an inkjet printer". An ink cartridge is essentially a receptacle containing ink. It does not comprise an ink delivery member or a pagewidth printhead.

By contrast, the present invention requires a "printer cartridge" to be replaceably receivable in a cradle of an inkjet printer. A printer cartridge is explicitly defined in claim 1 as comprising: a plurality of ink storage reservoirs, an ink delivery member *and* a pagewidth printhead.

If the skilled person were to combine the teachings of Silverbrook and Kotaki, he would only end up with an inkjet printer having an ink cartridge which is replaceably receivable in a cradle of the printer. He would not end up with a printer cartridge (comprising ink reservoirs, ink delivery member *and* pagewidth printhead) which is replaceably receivable in a cradle of the printer.

An advantage of the printer cartridge of the present invention is that the entire printhead and ink delivery system can be conveniently replaced by the user. This ensures that these components, having a relatively short lifetime compared to other printer components (e.g. the paper feed mechanism), can be periodically replaced without replacing the entire printer.

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Since none of the prior art documents neither teaches nor suggests providing an ink delivery system and pagewidth printhead in a replaceable cartridge, it is submitted that the present invention is neither anticipated nor obvious from the disclosures of Silverbrook or Kotaki, either taken alone or in combination.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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